

Mike Faust, Director Douglas A. Ducey, Governor

Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	09/22/2022
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1. Near Fatality Victim: Two-month-old male

2. Date of notification to DCS: 09/04/2021

3. Date of near fatality: 09/04/2021

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 02/08/2022

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County - Phoenix, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Garrett Jones - age 34 - Phoenix, AZ

7. Circumstances of the near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On September 4, 2021, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a two-month-old child who was taken to the hospital. Upon examination, the child was determined to be in critical condition with severe head trauma. The injuries were determined to be non-accidental. On September 8, 2021, Garrett Jones, the father, was charged with child abuse.

8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)**:

DCS received the following prior report involving Garrett Jones, the father:

On June 15, 2011, a report was received alleging physical abuse to another child by Garrett Jones, the father. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was closed.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:

A joint investigation was conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Upon release from the hospital, the child was assessed as safe in the care of the other parent. There were no other children in the home.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

The Department is providing services to the family.

^{*}The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

^{**} Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).



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